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DATE: June 15, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Indian Groceries & Spices, Inc. - Allergy Alert

Suggested Action: **CLASS Unidentified; Alert on Undeclared Sulfites in Nirav Golden Raisins; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled was NOT distributed in the State of Indiana, but was distributed to neighboring states of Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. The raisins were sold in 7 oz. and 14 oz. plastic bags under the Nirav brand. There are no lot numbers on the packages. The 14 oz. bags have UPC 0 24433 01025 2 and the 7 oz bags have UPC 0 24433 01027 6. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Indian Groceries & Spices, Inc. Issues Allergy Alert on Undeclared Sulfites in Nirav Golden Raisins

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 10, 2009 – Indian Groceries & Spices, Inc. of Skokie, IL is recalling Nirav Golden Raisins because it may contain undeclared sulfites. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

The Nirav Golden Raisins were distributed between January 6, 2009 and January 31, 2009 to retail stores in Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. All product purchased from January 6, 2009 through June 10, 2009 are affected by this recall. From January through June, 2009 the firm sold less than 6000 lbs. of the raisins.

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Indian Groceries & Spices has received no reports of illnesses related to this product to date.

The recall was initiated after the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services notified Indian Groceries & Spices that their analysis of the golden raisins indicated that it contained sulfites and was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of sulfites.

Consumers who have purchased Nirav Golden Raisins are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company's consumer affairs at 1-847-674-2480.

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Photo: Product Label

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